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Applicant(s) : Bowlin et al.

For : ELECTROPROCESSED COLLAGEN

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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Sir:

Herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Specification and claims ☒ Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
- ☒ 6 Sheets Drawings ☐ Information Disclosure
- ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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	TOTAL CLAIMS	29-20=	9	x 9.00	81.00
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- ☒ The benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 & §120 is claimed of the filing date of: February 24, 2000, August 31, 1999 and February 25, 1999.
- ☐ A certified copy of the priority document(s) is attached.
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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Address of NonProfit Organization:	1101 East Marshall Street, Room 1-024, Richmond, Virginia 23298-0568

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